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FOR SIEFKEN, AF/C

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OGEN, CM
SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO THE LINCOLN PARK ZOO OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. BACKGROUND: IN JUNE 1973 LINCOLN PARK ZOO OF CHICAGO REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING MALE CROWNED GUENON MONKEY (CERCOPITHECUS POGONIAS), A VARIETY FOUND ONLY IN CAMEROON. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF THE SPECIES (FEMALES) IN U.S., THEY ARE AT LINCOLN PARK ZOO. CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY R. YATES, 9TH DISTRICT ILLINOIS, WROTE TO AMBASSADOR AND EXPRESSED PERSONAL INTEREST IN EMBASSY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE.

2. TYPE MONKEY DESIRED BY ZOO. PRESENTLY OWNED BY CAO RICHARD BROWN WHO HAS OFFERED DONATE IT. ZOO HAS ACCEPTED.

3. PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR NORMAN RIFKIN WILL BE TRAVELLING TO U.S. ARRIVING IN NEW YORK ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12. MR. RIFKIN IS WILLING TO BRING MONKEY WITH HIM PROVIDED (1) ZOO ARRANGES FOR SOMEONE TO MEET HIM IN NEW YORK AND TAKE CHARGE OF ANIMAL AND (2) ZOO SENDS NECESSARY FUNDS TO PAY MONKEYS TRAVEL COSTS.

4. REQUEST YOU URGENTLY TELEPHONE MR. SAUL L. KITCHENER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE LINCOLN PARK ZOO, PHONE NUMBER 312-549-3000, TO VERIFY IF THE ZOO IS WILLING TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. IF SO, ZOO SHOULD SEND A DOLS. 250.000 MCO THROUGH CHICAGO PANAM OFFICE TO PANAM OFFICE IN DOUALA, CAMEROON. THE MCO WILL BE USED
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TO PAY FOR MONKEYS TRAVEL COST, CAGE ETC., ANY EXCESS WILL BE

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REFUNDED TO ZOO. THE MCO MUST ARRIVE DOUALA NO LATER THAN
COB FRIDAY. SECONDLY, REQUEST KITCHENER PROVIDE THE NAME OF
PERSON WHO WILL MEET RIFKIN IN NEW YORK AND TAKE CHARGE OF
ANIMAL. RIFKIN WILL ARRIVE JFK MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, AT 14:25 HOURS
VIA PA 115.

5. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY SOONEST AS TO KITCHENERS ANSWER.
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